

ABSTRACT

5 A Pb-free hot-dip Sn-Zn coated steel sheet having  
superior corrosion resistance and workability and  
suitable as a material for an automobile fuel tank is  
provided, that is, hot-dip Sn-Zn coated steel sheet  
obtained by forming a hot-dip coating layer comprised of  
1 to 8.8 wt% of Zn and the balance of Sn in an amount of  
91.2 to 99.0 wt% and unavoidable impurities and/or  
10 ancillary ingredients on the surface of steel sheet, the  
coating surface having Sn dendrite crystals and Sn  
dendrite arm spacings buried by an Sn-Zn two-way eutectic  
structure, an area ratio of Sn dendrites in the coating  
surface being 5 to 90%, and the arm spacing of the Sn  
15 dendrites being not more than 0.1 mm, preferably hot-dip  
Sn-Zn coated steel sheet superior in corrosion resistance  
and workability having a discontinuous  $\text{FeSn}_2$  alloy phase  
at the surface of the steel sheet, having an area ratio  
of the  $\text{FeSn}_2$  alloy phase of at least 1% and less than  
20 100%, and having an Sn-(1 to 30wt%)Zn composition on top  
of that, more preferably having a surface roughness of  
the discontinuous  $\text{FeSn}_2$  alloy phase of 0.1 to 2.5  $\mu\text{m}$  in  
terms of RMS.